

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The average particle diameter (nm) ( ~~$\mu\text{m}$~~ ) was determined by means of NICOMP 370 (manufactured by Nozaki & Co., Ltd.) according to a photon correlation method within a week after preparing the inks.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After leaving standing at room temperature for six months after preparing the inks, the particle diameter (nm) ( ~~$\mu\text{m}$~~ ) was determined by the same method as used in measuring the initial particle diameter.



Please replace Table 2 on page 22, with the following rewritten Table 2:

Table 2

	Example			
	5	6	7	8
<u>Dispersion step</u>				
Naphthol red *2	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Phosphoric acid ester *3			0.5	
Styrene-maleic acid 30% aqueous solution	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Aminomethylpropanol	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Propylene glycol	5.0	5.0	5.0	
Glycerin				5.0
Water	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8
<u>Ink-preparing step</u>				
Phosphoric acid ester *3	0.5	0.5		0.5
Aminomethylpropanol	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Propylene glycol	15.0	15.0	15.0	
Glycerin				15.0
Water	30.0	26.0	30.0	28.0
Rust preventive and fungicide	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
<u>Thickening</u>				
Associative thickener 10% aqueous solution *4				6.0
Associative thickener 10% aqueous solution *5	4.0	8.0	4.0	
<u>Test items</u>				
Pigment initial particle diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) (nm)	95	115	121	107
Pigment particle diameter after 6 months ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) (nm)	97	115	120	108
Viscosity of ink (mPa·s)	218	405	383	211
Ink-seeping resistance	○	○	◎	◎
Writing property	○	○	○	○

Please replace Table 3 on page 23, with the following rewritten Table 3:

Table 3

	Comparative Example			
	1	2	3	4
<u>Dispersion step</u>				
Carbon black *1	8.0	8.0		8.0
Naphthol red *2			7.0	
Styrene-maleic acid 30% aqueous solution	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Aminomethylpropanol	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Propylene glycol	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Water	30.8	28.8	31.8	18.8
<u>Ink-preparing step</u>				
Phosphoric acid ester *3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Aminomethylpropanol	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Propylene glycol	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Water	30.0	28.0	28.0	26.0
Rust preventive and fungicide	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
<u>Thickening</u>				
Xanthane gum 10% aqueous solution	4.0	8.0		
Polyacrylic acid 10% aqueous solution *7			6.0	
Alkali-thickened emulsion *8				20.0
<u>Test items</u>				
Pigment initial particle diameter ( <del>μm</del> ) (nm)	121	143	117	113
Pigment particle diameter after 6 months ( <del>μm</del> ) (nm)	397	685	264	281
Viscosity of ink (mPa·s)	301	452	293	196
Ink-seeping resistance	○	○	Δ	X
Writing property	Δ	X	Δ	Δ